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1. As of November 1952, a new, reinforced concrete, four-gun coastal defense battery emplacement was being constructed at Shabla (N 43-31 E 28-33), north of Varna. This emplacement was scheduled for completion in December 1952.
2. As of December 1952, the new four-gun coastal defense battery at Cape Galata was being guarded by an unidentified Bulgarian coast artillery unit.
3. The individual gun emplacements of the new four-gun coastal defense batteries completed in 1952 have the following characteristics:
 - a. Inner diameter between reinforced concrete walls, approximately six meters;
 - b. Depth of gun emplacement from top of reinforced concrete wall to floor: 2.5 meters; and
 - c. On the floor of each gun emplacement there is a reinforced concrete square platform two by two meters in size and raised 60 centimeters above the floor-level; 12 screw bolts are fitted into this platform to hold the base of the gun mounting.
4. Unidentified anti-aircraft gun positions are being built in the vicinity of all the new four-gun coastal defense batteries.
5. Politically reliable Trudovaks working on the construction of these batteries have been incorporated into a special construction unit, designated as T-97, with headquarters in Varna, and subordinate to the Coastal Defense Command. 1,2

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Comment: The entire Black Sea Coast, to a depth of 15 kilometers, has been declared a military zone. A special permit from the military authorities is required for any movement in populated areas of this zone.

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